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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Personnel Policy,  
Planning and Management

VIA: Deputy Director, NFAC  
Chief, NFAC, PME, Administrative Group

FROM: Maurice C. Ernst  
Director of Economic Research

SUBJECT:

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1. The purpose of this memorandum is to request the reimbursable military detail of [redacted] (USAF) to the Office of Economic Research for a 2 year tour of duty. During his tour, [redacted] would participate in research on questions of Soviet defense spending and economic development, and would also work closely with personnel of the Office of Strategic Research.

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2. [redacted] background in general questions of defense economics would be useful in conceptualizing new approaches to the analysis of the burden of Soviet defense on the general economy. This would include developing alternative measures of military capability and applying them to assessments of the growth and defense tradeoff for the USSR. It is expected that this conceptual work would lead to development of appropriate empirical measures and ultimately to empirical testing of the new concepts using computer models of the Soviet economy. In this empirical work, [redacted] would serve as an interface between the related research activities of OER and OSR.

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3. [redacted] background in the theoretical issues of defense economics gives him a substantially firmer base from which to approach these issues than would be possible for any of the current staff employees in OER. We would expect that, during a tour of 2 years, [redacted] could make a useful contribution to our conceptual and empirical approaches to analysis of the economic burden of the Soviet defense effort.

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(USAF) to OER

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CONCUR:

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Deputy Director, NFAC

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